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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits attached Form PTO-SB/08A (modified) for consideration and requests the references cited therein be made of record by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) in the above-captioned application.

Applicant respectfully points out that the submission of the listed references in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is not an admission that they are prior art or that they are material to patentability of any claims of the application. Also, the submission of this IDS is not an indication that a search has been made by Applicant.

For the convenience of the Examiner in considering the cited references, a copy of each of the cited references is enclosed with this communication.

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP § 609 are respectfully requested.

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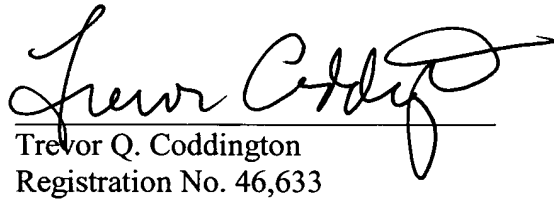
for consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the PTO is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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